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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: RESOLVING IRAQ-RELATED ISSUES AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Classified By: AMBASSADOR SUSAN RICE, FOR REASONS 1.4 B/D

¶1. (C) On April 6, Iraqi PR Bayati met with Ambassador DiCarlo to ask for U.S. assistance to lift Iraq,s remaining Security Council obligations. Noting the scheduled April 16 Security Council briefing by Gennady Tarasov (the UN,s high-level envoy for Kuwaiti missing persons and the missing Kuwaiti national archives), Bayati said Iraq had done all it could to help Tarasov with his work. Therefore, Bayati asked that the Council close this mandate, and work to close all remaining mandates as soon as possible. He also asked that the U.S. share with Iraq our thoughts regarding how best to lift Iraq,s Security Council obligations, given that the UN will issue a report on this issue, probably in June. ACTION REQUEST AT PARA 3.

¶2. (C) Bayati raised a litany of complaints about Kuwait,s refusal to cooperate with Iraq, and its insistence "to keep all the Security Council files open." He said Kuwait was treating Iraq as if Saddam Hussein was still in power, and Iraq would defend its rights and emphasize to all that it should not be held hostage to the actions of the former regime. Ambassador DiCarlo told Bayati that the U.S. would like to help Iraq, although she noted that the Security Council would also listen to the Kuwaiti point of view. She added that Tarasov,s report is due on April 9, and after consideration of this report, the U.S. would have a view regarding this specific mandate.

¶3. (C) ACTION REQUEST: USUN requests Department guidance regarding action and coordination with the Iraqi Mission in advance of the June UN report on Iraq,s Security Council obligations. END ACTION REQUEST.

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